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What a Week We've Had!

Monday you should have received information that the school has changed the Mid-Winter break. **We have moved Early Dismissal to Thursday, March 6th and then closed the school on Friday, March 7th.** This is in recognition of the school-wide participation in the Atlanta Community Food Bank Canned Food Drive. I got word that our school alone gathered 11,645 pounds of canned goods! That is an increase of roughly 60% - you guys are terrific! What an awesome thing.

Tuesday we had the monumental event of school without power after storms that caused traffic to be rerouted. What a day! I know that several of our families were seriously affected by the storms and if there is anything you need, PLEASE let us know, our thoughts are with you.

Then of course, timing is everything and Wednesday we had a Severe Weather Drill. We do this two times a year so everyone knows the process just in case. We crawl under our desks or go to the basement or some interior place to be protected from any type of severe weather. You may have heard about this from your student.



To round out the week nicely, Thursday and Friday this week we had student conferences for the 7-12th graders. The best news of the entire week is that **Leah Shepperd** received a Leadership scholarship to **Brevard College** (Leah has been on Level L for leadership) and **Tyler Morton** was accepted to **Savannah College of Art and Design**. Congratulations Leah and Tyler!

And lastly, for a moment of tranquility in that whirlwind of activity, if you will notice there are little sprigs of blooming daffodils randomly along New Providence Road. Ahhhh..... Spring is in the air.

On the Alumni Front

MSA's Class of 2006 graduates included **Chelsea Eubank** who has been getting a lot of press lately. She has her own line of Christian apparel which gives back to charities with the hopes to become "a profit center for ministries". Her website, www.faithfulfish.com, gives some background information on her and how she got to this point in her life, as well as, displays her apparel collection.

On her website, Chelsea tells us that she has been on the Dean's List and the Vice President of her sorority at her Florida college. Besides being a college student, Chelsea takes time out of her busy life to talk with church and school groups. She is slated to



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be in the April edition of CosmoGirl, Good Morning America and Teen Vogue are interested in interviewing her as well!

Chelsea you should be proud of yourself, we are! Congratulations to you.

Understanding Autism – Sign Up Today



Mill Springs will be hosting a workshop titled “**Understanding Autism**” and Kelle Laushey, Ph.D. will be presenting it on **March 4th** in the PreUpper School Great Room from **8:30am to 11:30am**. This free workshop is designed to help parents understand the nature of Autism and how they can structure the home environment to facilitate language skills, social skills, behavior skills and independence. This course will give examples to assist parents with children ages’ pre-K through high school. If you are interested in attending, please contact **Cheri Harwood** at 770-360-1336 to reserve your place at the workshop. (from Janet Ford)

Did you know...?



Did you know that individuals born on February 29th are called leaplings? There are roughly 200,000 leaplings in the US and 4 million across the world. Some famous leaplings include motivational speaker Anthony Robbins, singer Dinah Shore, and band leader Jimmy Dorsey.

How many times have you wished you had more time? Well it is here! Today is Leap Day. So we got an extra day, what do we do with it? Well it seems that it is tradition for women to ask men to marry them on Leap Day AND men that refused those proposals had to pay a penalty such as a kiss, a dress or money. That is what evolved into a Sadie Hawkins dance here in the US.

How did YOU spend your extra day?

It’s the Real Thing!!!



The MSA Booster Club is only holding ONE Coke Sale this year so make sure you get your order in before times up! The Coke Sale will begin Monday, February 25th and end March 14th. Enjoy Coca-Cola products and help support MSA Sports. Stock up for your family and business! Sell to neighbors, businesses and friends! The top seller on each level will receive \$50 cash and every homeroom that has 100% participation will receive an Out of Uniform Day. **HERE is a link to the flyer.** Coke orders should be picked up on Saturday, March 29th at the Family Dinner and Auction. (from **Jennifer Kramer**)

Coming Up @ MSA



Re-enrollment contracts are **due** Monday, **March 3rd**.

There will be **Early Dismissal** on Thursday, **March 6th** for the Mid-Winter Break for all students. Lower/Middle will dismiss at 12:15pm, PreUpper/CommArts/Upper will dismiss at 12:30pm. The buses will depart approximately 12:45pm.

School will be **CLOSED** on Friday, **March 7th** for the Mid-Winter Break.

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday morning, **March 9th**. Set your clocks ahead one hour.

See the entire calendar by clicking [HERE](#).
